

MISSING CHAS. H. CUTTING.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ABOUT TO BE MARRIED.

Never Heard from Since the Day he Took Passage on a Sound Steamer—Other Disappearances of Young Men—Persons Missing—117 Persons who have Never been Reported as Found—Many Names Withdrawn.****

On the 12th of September last, Charles H. Cutting of Boston, a traveling salesman in the employ of Holden & Herrick of that city, was in New York settling up some business preparatory to his marriage to a Miss Gay of Castine, Me., which was to be at an early date. He took luncheon that afternoon in Brooklyn with a friend, whom he told that he was going on to Boston that evening. That was at 3 o'clock. An hour later he called upon another friend, G. H. Sanborn, at his office, 25 Beekman street, and there also mentioned that he was going home that evening. At 5 o'clock he was seen on board the steamer Providence of the Providence and Stonington line when she left her wharf, Mr. Spencer of Fitchburg, Mass., a personal acquaintance, met him; they took supper together, and until after 9 o'clock sat up on deck, smoking. Then Mr. Spencer retired. The next morning Mr. Cutting was not to be found. His valise and overcoat were in his state-room, but he and the \$3,840 he had in his pocket the night before had mysteriously disappeared. Since that time nothing has been seen or heard of Charles H. Cutting, and his friends believe that he was robbed and thrown overboard. He is said to have been a young man of excellent habits, who neither smoked nor drank, nor was liable to be entrapped by the fascinations which are among the vices in New York, and on the Sound steamer; his prospects in life were of the highest kind, and there is hardly even a possibility of suicide in his case, certainly not the remotest probability of it.

Some years ago a young man named Cutting, down in Wall street, mysteriously disappeared, but there were circumstances connected with his departure that prevented any very general suspicion that he was a victim of foul play. When the story of Charles H. Cutting's disappearance was made known here a rumor became current that he was a brother of the Wall street young man, and that disappearances "ran in the family." Inquiry among his friends here, however, failed to substantiate that story. It was affirmed that he had only one brother, and he, it was thought, had never been in New York; certainly he was in business here. That he was a brother of the other young man will ever remain a mystery, with the dark suspicion that he was the victim of a fearful criminal board of Evidentiary.

Police are continuing their investigation to determine if the young Boston salesman does look pretty serious, but the lesson of his long experience in the world of business is that he is probably liable to turn up again ultimately, and he is slow to accept the conclusions at which his various friends are usually too ready to jump in a hasty judgment on the subject with a SWN reporter.

The public have no idea of the number of missing persons reported to us. They will average more than one thousand in ordinary times, and occasionally they come in by batches.

The year 1876, for instance,

was a year of constant disappearance.

They were constantly getting telegraphic despatches from all parts of the country;

but he has mysteriously disappeared.

We have a stepmother reported to us in cases.

"Look for him in Philadelphia." And when they looked, there they were, always found him.

He would run away to go to the Centennial Exposition, and was generally very glad to be found and taken back again. Very often they come to us, wishing to be sent to us, and we are glad to do so, for they are the hopes of a number of anxious parents, who, when they have given up all hope, will finally seek to have dropped mysteriously and unaccountably in the other cases, such as I have mentioned, we simply enter up. "Reported all right," and that is all.

Our records necessarily show but a small percentage of the missing men who are returned to us. The number of those who are lost, and who return, is but a hundred. The proportion who turn up promptly and seek to impress us with knowledge of their having been lost is about one in ten thousand.

And the others, as I said, means of some sort, neglect to inform us when they come back. Some cases, as I have mentioned, are very difficult to know the exact whereabouts of, and require a great deal of time and trouble to find them.

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